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Hongkong, 20th October, 1890.

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The same being specially selected by our
London House, and brought direct from the most
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by ourselves, thus enabling us to supply the
best growths at moderate prices.

In ordering it is only necessary to state
the name and quantity of Wine or Spirit wanted,
and initial letter for quality desired.

Orders through Local Post or by Telegram
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PORTS. (For Invalids and general use.)

| | Per Case | Per Bottle |
|---|----------|------------|
| A. Allie Dore, good quality, Green Capsule..... | 10 | 1.00 |
| B. Vintage, Superior quality, Red Capsule..... | 12 | 1.10 |
| C. Fine Old Vintage, superior quality, Black Seal Capsule..... | 14 | 1.35 |
| D. Very Fine Old Vintage, extra superior, Violet Capsule (Old Bottled)..... | 18 | 1.50 |

SHERRIES.

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|---|------|------|
| A. Delicate Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Capsule..... | 6 | 0.60 |
| B. Superior Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Seal Capsule..... | 7.50 | 0.75 |
| C. Manzanilla, Pale Natural Sherry, White Capsule..... | 10 | 1.00 |
| CC. Superior Old Dry, Pale Natural Sherry, Red Seal Capsule..... | 10 | 1.00 |
| D. Very Superior Old Pale Dry, choice old wine, White Seal Capsule..... | 14 | 1.50 |
| E. Extra Superior Old Pale Dry, very finest quality, Black Seal Capsule (Old Bottled)..... | 14 | 1.50 |

CLARETS.

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|---|------|------|
| A. Superior Breakfast Claret, Red Capsule..... | 4 | 0.40 |
| B. St. Estephe, Red Capsule..... | 4.50 | 0.50 |
| C. St. Julien..... | 7 | 0.70 |
| D. La Rose..... | 11 | 1.00 |

BRANDY.

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| A. Hennessy's Old Pale, Red Capsule..... | 12 | 1.20 |
| B. Superior Very Old Cognac, Red Capsule..... | 14 | 1.50 |
| C. Very Old Liqueur Cognac, Red Capsule..... | 18 | 1.50 |
| D. Hennessy's Finest Very Old Liqueur Cognac, 1872 Vin- tage, Red Capsule..... | 24 | 2.00 |

SCOTCH WHISKY.

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| A. Thorne's Blend, White Cap- sule..... | 8 | 0.75 |
| B. Watson's Glenorchy Mellow Blend, Blue Capsule with Name and Trade Mark..... | 8 | 0.75 |
| C. Watson's Abolour-Glenlivet, Red Capsule, with Name and Trade Mark..... | 8 | 0.75 |
| D. Watson's H. K. D. Blend of the Finest Scotch Malt Whiskies, Violet Capsule..... | 10 | 1.00 |
| E. Watson's Very Old Liqueur Scotch Whisky, Gold Capsule..... | 12 | 1.10 |

IRISH WHISKY.

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|---|----|------|
| A. John Jameson's Old, Green Capsule..... | 8 | 0.75 |
| B. John Jameson's Fine Old, Green Capsule..... | 10 | 1.00 |
| C. John Jameson's Very Fine Old, Green Capsule..... | 12 | 1.10 |
| D. GUINNESS BOURBON WHISKY, Green Old, Red Capsule, with Name..... | 10 | 1.00 |

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| A. Fine Old Tom, White Capsule..... | 4.50 | 0.40 |
| B. Fine Unsweetened, White Capsule..... | 4.50 | 0.40 |
| C. Fine A. V. H. Geneva..... | 5.25 | 0.50 |

RUM.

| | | |
|---|----|------|
| Finest Old Jamaica, Violet Capsule..... | 12 | 1.00 |
| Good Leonard Island, \$1.50 per Gallon, Black Capsule..... | 12 | 1.00 |

LIQUEURS.

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| Benedictine | Maraschino |
| Curacao | Herring's Cherry Cordial |
| Chartreuse | Dr. Siefert's Angostura |
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HONGKONG, MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1890.

TELEGRAMS.

ENGLAND AND PORTUGAL.

LONDON, October 15th.
It is officially reported at Lisbon that British
gunboats have ascended the river Zambezi in
defiance of the protests made by the Portuguese.

THE IRISH M. P.'S.

President rumours are being circulated that
Messrs. O'Brien and Dillon went to Havre to
embark for America, but missed the steamer,
and that both are now hiding in the vicinity of
Paris.

October 18th.

The Hon. A. J. Balfour, Secretary for Ireland,
speaking at Newcastle said that the Irish policy
of the Government must be maintained, as
anarchy if allowed to continue would inevitably
result in disaster to Ireland.

Messrs. O'Brien and Dillon are both in Paris
and have announced that they will sail for
America on the 25th, remain there four months,
then return to England and surrender themselves
to the authorities.

TERRIFIC STORM AT SCARBOROUGH.

October 20th.

A furious gale has been blowing at Scar-
borough for several days. Admiral Seymour, 45
officers and 200 men belonging to the Channel
squadron who were on shore have been trying
since Friday to rejoin their ships, but were
unable to do so. The vessels have since put to
sea safely.

AFRICAN AFFAIRS.

Lord Dufferin, it is reported, will shortly resume
parleying in the matter of the African boundary
dispute with Portugal.

CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

October 24th.

The Liberal party in Canada urge unrestricted
reciprocity with America.

THE "FIREBRAND" SAFE AT
SHANGHAI.

The naval authorities were advised yesterday
by wire that the gunboat *Firebrand*, which the
Redpole and *Rattler* went out in search of on
Friday last, had arrived at Shanghai. She
experienced very bad weather after leaving
Hongkong and, running short of coal, put into
Wenchow, remaining there a few days until the
weather moderated. The *Redpole* and *Rattler*
have been telegraphed to, and are expected here
to-morrow.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THERE will be a game of polo at Causeway Bay
to-morrow afternoon, commencing at 4.30 o'clock.

The returns of the number of visitors to the City
Hall Museum for the week ending Oct. 26th, are:
—Europeans, 220; Chinese, 1,521; total, 1,741.

We observe from the shipping report of the
steamship *Fookiang* that the steamship *Ly-
moon* was recently ashore in Silver Island Pass,
in the Yangtze river.

The agents (Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co.)
inform us that the "Ben" Line steamer
Benlomaud, from Glasgow, Antwerp and London,
left Singapore for this port to-day.

FOR stealing sundry articles from the residence
of the Hon. E. J. Acland in Seymour Terrace
to yesterday morning, a Chinese man named
face the music at the M. S. Court, and was
before Mr. A. G. W. for six months with hard labour, and so it will be.

Two hundred and fifty dollars or three months'
with hard labour, was the result of an investiga-
tion by Mr. Wodehouse to-day into the case
of a man charged with being in possession of
twenty-eight tins of opium, and of a quantity of
retailing it, without a valid certificate from
Opium Farmer.

MANY of our readers who had the pleasure of
passing a couple of evenings with the genial
and accomplished linguist and mimic,
Frank Lincoln, last month, will be pleased to
hear that he returned from Japan yesterday, en
route to India, and will conduct one of his funeral
services at the City Hall next Wednesday
evening.

THE steamer *Nansing*, which arrived from
Manila this morning, brought over Captain
Dewar (late of the 11th Hussars), Mrs. Dewar, and
crew of the yacht *Nyassa*, who have been living
for the last three months at Ponape, in the
Carolines, owing to the vessel having been
wrecked there on the 29th of July last. Full
particulars will be given to-morrow.

THE Band of the A. & S. Highlanders will play
the following programme in the Public Gardens,
this evening, from 8.30 to 10 o'clock:—

March....."Mullins".....Gossard.
Solo....."Gossard".....Gossard.
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THE son of Governor Liu Ming-chuan, says the
Shanghai *Mercury* of the 18th inst., arrived in
Shanghai to-day on the steamship *Cass* from
Formosa. This young grandee appears to have
been a rather troublesome passenger, for when
coming up the river the vessel stuck on the bar,
where it remained three or four hours, during
which our distinguished visitor is said to have
been exceedingly impatient, and to have remon-
strated with the Captain for not taking the ship
up to Shanghai straight off. On arrival nothing
would suit him but to be landed as close as
possible to the French gunboat *Asyle*, for which
purpose the *Cass* was brought up the river and
moored alongside that vessel. When the
budding Mandarin left the *Cass*, the *Asyle*
fired a salute of three guns, to which the *Cass*
replied in like manner, after which she went
down the river again, and took her accustomed
route alongside the *New York*.

THE Shanghai Chamber of Commerce have
discussed the new transit pass regulations, and
will, it is expected, take action thereon, though
in what form has not yet been made known.

OUR Shanghai morning contemporary of the
21st inst. says that the steamer *Felching* was
still ashore in the Peiho between Taku and the
Bar when the *El Dorado* left. In order to get
the vessel afloat it has been found necessary to
dig her out.

THE agents (Messrs. Melchers & Co.) inform
us that the Norddeutscher Lloyd's steamship
Brannschweig, with the German mails, dated
Berlin 30th Sept, left Singapore for this port at
daylight to-day, and may be expected on or
about Friday, the 31st inst.

H.M.S. *Mutine*, Commander Martin, left yester-
day for home to be paid out of commission. She
was loudly cheered by the men on board the other
men-of-war, and presented a very pretty sight
as she moved slowly from her moorings, the
yards "manned" and her home pennant floating
far astern.

THE steamer *El Dorado*, which arrived at
Shanghai on the 20th inst., brought down a
mob of 20 griffins from Tientsin, consigned to the
Shanghai Horse Bazaar. The mob is said to
include a great many racing-like ponies, so that
no difficulty should be experienced in finding
the balance, 17 in number, of the Hongkong
Subscription griffins.

THE Band of the Argyll and Sutherland High-
landers will play the following programme at
the Officers' Mess to-morrow evening, com-
mencing at 8 o'clock:—

March....."La Perle Vierge".....Gossard.
Solo....."Gossard".....Gossard.
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COOKE and Son's round-the-world tours are
getting quite fashionable. Major Hutchinson
turned up on Saturday from Japan, with thirteen
tourists under his wing, and there are twice as
many more following him, after roving over
Dai Nippon at their leisure. Most of the party—
which is the largest yet conveyed round the
world by the great agency—are Americans. It
is probable that the itinerary on the next
occasion will be considerably enlarged.

THE *Peking Gazette* of the 30th ulto. has
the following:—The Honan Yellow River Com-
missioner Hui, in a memorial reports that the
Yellow River has been so well regulated that
there is no fear of its breaking out again this
autumn, and the stream is not so swift as it
was in the summer. He has joined on his deputies
to take special care of the embankments. The
Emperor expresses pleasure with Hui's successful
labours and enjoins him to continue them.

JUDGING from the reports of steamers arriving
from the South there must have been another
severe gale on the 22nd and 23rd between latitudes
11 and 17. The new Scottish-Oriental steamer
Phara, Captain W. H. Watton, 1,021 tons
register, newly built for the traffic between here
and Bangkok, reports that on the 23rd inst. she
experienced a terrific gale with torrents of rain,
during which the port side of her after-house
was stove in and the decks washed from under
the ship's boats, the decks being continually
flooded with water.

THIS is the way in which Mr. Wise "goes for"
the ravenous water rats that infest Hongkong
harbour and swarm on board steamers before
they come to an anchorage. Three of those
choice specimens of degraded society known as
boarding-house runners came before his Worship
this morning and were charged with boarding
our venerable Romeo liner *Memnon*, without
the permission of the master. They afterwards
the offence and were requested to "ante up" \$5
each. The boatmen took them off to the ship
was asked to leave a similar sum in the
hands of the Magistrate's clerk. The depleted
Treasury is looking up!

We learn from the N. C. *Daily News* of the
20th inst. that the Consul-General for Portugal
at Shanghai, Senhor Valdes, has just completed
his investigations into the charges of arson
brought against the brothers Pereira. About
twenty witnesses were examined, and in the end
the prisoners were committed for trial at Macao,
to which place they will be sent in a few days.
Some misunderstanding has apparently
arisen with reference to the Consul's investiga-
tion taking place in private, it may be as
well to state that in accordance with Portuguese
law such preliminary proceedings must always
be held in secret.

AN *Amoy* correspondent writes under date
October 23rd:—*Amoy* much regret to announce
that Mr. G. W. Burke from the Customs Service, and
the steamer *Namking*, making
eleventh tide-water, was the case of
the feckless of our local Jonathan Wild. Some
people pay their debts with the topkai halliards,
but a few have commenced to do so with
their pens, which will be wielded to some
purpose during the holy war—the Amoy tide-
waterers' crusade. It is strange that so many
Halkwaners are leaving the above port just
now; but of course it is all attributed to the
weather.

Two Chinese, a man and woman, were charged
before Mr. Wodehouse at the Police Court to-
day with decoying a little girl, 7 years
of age, away from his parents and selling it
for \$75 to a brothel procurer in Wanchai.
In defence the man said the child "took
to him naturally," and he, being poor, had
no alternative left him but to put it into
"domestic service" in the usual way.
The woman preserved silence, golden silence as
it turned out. His Worship jailed the man for
nine months, while the woman obtained her
liberty after depositing \$100 in Court as security
for her exemplary behaviour for a period of six
months.

THE Tientsin correspondent of the N. C. *Daily
News* writes on the 14th inst.:—"The water on
the plain has fallen considerably within the last
few weeks, with the result that around the edges,
and from some of the higher portions that have
become exposed to the sun's rays, there arise
considerable sickness. Last week we had some
quite chilly weather, for which we were indeed
grateful after the extremely hot and very trying
summer through which we have just passed.
This week it is very warm again in the middle
of the day, and I am sure every one will be glad
when the freezing weather comes to destroy some
of the causes of disease that surround us. The
fall that has taken place in the water does a
materially affect the condition of the poor people,
for nothing can be planted this autumn, and they
have the cold winter months before them. The
official relief is not satisfactory—if not short in
allowance, the great too often contains alarm and
produces disease and, sooner or later, death. So
that anything that can be done in an honest and
reliable way under foreign direction will be a
great boon to the poor people to whom they may
be able to minister."

DURING a strong blow off Ping Hoi on the 24th
inst. a large fishing junk was capsized and sunk.
There were 16 people on board, all told; of these
8 were rescued by another junk, but the remainder,
principally women, were drowned.

MAJOR WONG, the valiant officer of China's
invincible legions that are, according to "our
only General," to overrun the earth and "knock
out" the English-speaking races at the battle of
Armageddon, looked a sorry sight behind the
rails of the dock in the Police Court this morning.
Where Mr. Wodehouse found that he undoubtedly
robbed a well-to-do Cantonese merchant out of a
\$500 gold watch and chain which his father, a
comrade, had received many years ago as a
present from Mr. Alfred Dowd, his employer.
The gallant Major has now started to "do" six
months' hard labour in Victoria Gaol. To-
morrow friend Wong will be on the "stand"
again and have to answer to the charge of steal-
ing a pair of silk pants from a casual acquaint-
ance in D'Almeida Street. If the Major had
only known what Lord Wodehouse, think of the
hosts of the "Isle of Heaven," surely he
wouldn't have—well, there, it doesn't matter
much anyhow.

MISS GRACE PLAINSTED was last year "brought
to bay" by the irrepressible interviewer, who
describes her as half hidden in a big armchair,
fanning herself with the flush of animation on
her face, and eyes now dreamy, now sparkling
with merriment, she recalls some incidents in
her career. In talking about her favourite
amusement, and while dwelling more particularly
on pistol practice, she suddenly burst out into a
merry laugh, and said—"I was just thinking
about a very funny thing that happened once
when I was at home. I was watching over-
night by the bedside of a sick relative, when the
door opened and a rascally Chinaman came in.
Thinking I was quite defenceless, he wanted me
to hand over all the money and valuables I had
in my possession. I had a pistol, and
I levelled it at him. I tried to make
him believe I was very brave, but in
truth I was dreadfully frightened. I gave him
three chances to escape—mind you, three
chances, and he wouldn't. Thought I would
have dropped. I closed my eyes, pressed my
lips tight, and pulled the trigger. Oh, didn't
that heave howl! I think I must have hurt
him, for he was holding it pretty tightly when
he made off. "I had seen but little of life
before going on the stage; and since then I
have seen nothing but the rosy side; so that I
cannot tell you anything exciting. "Neither
my father, nor mother, nor any relatives that
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Mr. Jones seconded the amendment, and on a vote being taken a forest of hands was held up for the amendment and only four or five dissentients. Mr. Gore-Booth demanded a poll, saying he only did this to close the meeting, and after much delay, 170 votes were given for the amendment and 220 against, 57 of the latter being given by the directors. The report and accounts were then adopted, most of the shareholders having in the meantime left the meeting.

Mr. Gomes moved a vote of confidence in the Board, which Mr. Gore-Booth and Mr. Wilcox endorsed.

The Chairman repeated that the Directors had acted quite disinterestedly, and done all they could for the shareholders' benefit.

On the motion of Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Wilcox, Mr. J. B. Orange, C.E., was elected to the Board to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Brodie's retirement on leaving the Colony.

Mr. Joseph moved, and Mr. Judah seconded, the re-election of Mr. D. Gillies and Mr. W. Wotton as directors.

Mr. Gillies made a long speech justifying the actions of the Board, and expressing hopes for the future of the Colony.

Messrs. Henderson and Lyall having been re-elected directors, the proceedings terminated.

HONGKONG FOOTBALL CLUB.

The annual general meeting of the Hongkong Football Club was held on the 24th instant, in the Gymnasium of the Victoria Recreation Club. Amongst those present were:—Major Barker, R.E., Dr. Atkinson, Messrs. A. Ough, F. Maitland, E. M. Blair, A. Grant, F. C. Dundas, E. A. Ram, F. L. Jackson, S. S. Clarke, G. G. Boyle, S. Boyle, and Capt. Macdonogh, R.E. (Hon. Secretary).

The chair was taken by Dr. Atkinson, in the absence of the president the Hon. A. F. McEwen, who has left the colony.

The Chairman stated that owing to unavoidable circumstances, which would be understood by the meeting, it had been found impossible to issue the annual statement of Accounts.

The meeting then proceeded to elect a new president and committee. On the motion of Mr. Blair, seconded by Mr. Ram, Major Barker, R.E., was unanimously elected President. It was proposed by Mr. F. Maitland and seconded by Mr. Clarke that Mr. Skitt be elected Treasurer, which was carried *unanimously*.

The Secretary, having tendered his resignation, as he was uncertain if he would remain in the colony during the whole of the coming season, Mr. Wallace was elected Secretary on the motion of Mr. Ram, seconded by Mr. Blair. Capt. Macdonogh, R.E., consented to act as Secretary during the temporary absence of Mr. Wallace from the colony. Capt. Macdonogh and Mr. Grant were elected members of the Committee in place of Mr. Wallace and Mr. Hayler, the latter having left the colony. Dr. Atkinson, Mr. Ram and Mr. Blair were re-elected to serve on the Committee.

The Chairman made a few remarks on the results of the last season, and requested members to be a little more punctual in coming down to play, great inconvenience having resulted last season from want of punctuality by members of the teams.

It was decided that the opening match, 1st Eleven of the Club v. All Comers, should be played on Monday, the 31st November.

The Chairman stated that the Jockey Club had kindly permitted the members of the Club to use the Grand Stand for dressing in.

On the motion of Dr. Atkinson a cordial vote of thanks was given to the Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and passed.

Several new members having been elected, the meeting adjourned.

"LA PERICHOLE" AT THE THEATRE ROYAL.

On Saturday night at the Theatre Royal, City Hall, Miss Gracie Plaisant's company produced Offenbach's comic opera "La Perichole" to one of the most appreciative and enthusiastic audiences we have seen for some time, and not without reason, for the performance, taken all round, was the best the company has yet favored us with. There was a stream of witty and pretty songs rippling all the way through the opera, until the trombone comes in—that would sound the savage breast of even a Pungon holder, and the libretto, if not brilliant, is never dull. Miss Plaisant as *La Perichole* added another to her long list of triumphs, and sang and acted with her wonted grace and spirit, being highly deserving of the applause that she gained for every song. Mr. Charles Harding has already shown how well he can sing, but as *Biquillo*, the lover of *La Perichole*, his acting in the scenes where they accidentally meet, was superb, and roused the audience to its highest pitch of enthusiasm.

As the *Old Prisoner* Mr. D. C. Smith was an agreeable surprise, and showed an amount of talent far beyond that for which we had given him credit. In fact, his conception of the character would anywhere be taken as a certificate that Mr. Smith had been there before, and his comical manipulation of that useful and melodious instrument the trombone was also a feature in his clever performance, deserving recognition. Messrs. Hamilton and Webb, as *Pedro de Hinojosa* and *Count Panafiel* respectively, played up well, but why the former should have taken it upon himself to personify our dear old friend "Awful" Stanley in his favorite character of *Myas* is to us a mystery. However, the likeness was good, though a trifle flattering. Mr. Ivo L'Estrange as the Viceroy of Peru had evidently bestowed a deal of study on his part, and as he played it with the air of a man who knew what he was about, he was a decided success. Mr. C. C. Widdows as the *Notary* was passable, but had the look of a "joker" who had lost all confidence in "pious" and showed it too. Miss Jennie Deane, Miss Rosa Tamara, and Miss Jennie Lawrence, as the three comely, looked lovely and made the most of their parts, adding considerably to the scenic effects. That the whole performance was a most unqualified success was proved by the vociferous applause of the audience when the curtains went down, only to rise again to a fresh outburst.

Tomorrow night *Madame Fagat* will be produced, and now that the company have fully established themselves, and their talents become known, a bumper house is sure to await them.

GREAT FIRE AT CANTON.

Shortly before the steamer *Fatshan* left Canton last Saturday, the 25th instant, a destructive fire broke out in one of those reeking houses which form a kind of extension of the Customs examination sheds at the City of Rams. A strong breeze was blowing at the time, which fanned the flames and drove them against the Customs sheds, which were speedily enveloped in the fiery element and utterly destroyed. As is usual in Chinese ports, the means at hand for the extinction of fire were worse than useless, for before they could be got into working order the flames had gained such a complete hold of the houses in the vicinity of the first outbreak, that the many willing hands who turned up with considerable promptitude could render no effective assistance at all. The fire burnt wildly

until midnight, when, having reached some low-lying houses, which were promptly torn down, it burned itself out.

Upwards of two hundred Chinese tenements were totally destroyed, also the Customs examination sheds, which contained a large quantity of goods including bales of silk. An authentic report of the damage is not yet to hand, but we are informed that \$300,000 will probably cover the total losses of all concerned.

Later.

Shortly after the fire started the heat was so intense at the Customs' wharf that the river steamers *Hankow* and *Kiangwan* were obliged to cast off from their moorings and shift a considerable distance up stream. The *Kiangwan* was slightly scorched, but the upper deck houses. When the *Hankow* left Canton this forenoon, fire-engines were still playing upon the smoldering piles of cotton which had been destroyed in the examination sheds. Work was proceeding as usual at the Customs wharf this morning, where a temporary shed and wharf had been erected yesterday. Incendiarism is not suspected, it is said, for it is now known that the fire originated in a tall shop chandler's shop next door to the Customs' shed. The proprietor has admitted that while one of his employees was boiling down some tallow he over-heated it and in a moment, the whole house was in flames.

The offices of the Commissioner of Customs and the In-door Staff were saved by the vigorous and untiring efforts of foreigners who kept a continuous stream of water pouring over the building.

NEWS BY THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The O. & O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Galleo*, Capt. W. G. Pearce, with the American mail of the 1st inst., arrived in harbour yesterday morning. We take the subjoined telegrams from our San Francisco exchanges:—

LONDON, September 23rd.

William O'Brien arrived in London last night and spent to-day in conference with the leaders of the Irish party. He returned to Dublin to-night. It is stated on the best authority that O'Brien and Dillon will carry out their original plan and visit America to open the Irish campaign there, though they must return sooner than they intended. They will plead guilty to making the Tipperary speeches and avoid the process of a tedious trial. They expect to be sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

This will give the immediate right of appeal, which involves at least six weeks or two months' delay, during which they will be released on heavy bail. This will give them ample time to visit New York, Boston and Philadelphia, and return for a hearing at the trial on appeal.

A dispatch from Goa says a state of siege was proclaimed in consequence of the election riots. The streets are now patrolled by soldiers, and warrants have been issued for the arrest of the principal leaders. Many residents fled into the country. The whole province of Satelet was proclaimed.

A commercial panic prevails in Lisbon. Leading banks are trembling and a crisis is imminent.

The coal laborers of Gibraltar have gone on a strike.

Lorenz von Stein, the German juriconsult and political economist, is dead.

NEW YORK, September 23rd.

There will be an interesting contest for the possession of the late Dion Boucouault's estate, which will take up the old scandal of Boucouault's relations to his two surviving wives, Agnes Robertson and Louise Thorndyke. Agnes Robertson sailed from England on the *Star*, and no time will be lost in putting in her claim. The claim will be made that Miss Robertson is the only widow and that the marriage with Miss Thorndyke is bigamous. Miss Robertson obtained a decree of divorce in the Divorce and Admiralty Court of England. The decree granted was a limited divorce from board and bed, and constitutes only legal separation under the New York State laws.

If there is no will, as supposed, Miss Robertson will immediately on her arrival file a petition for letters of administration and make affidavit that she is the only widow of Boucouault. It is not expected, however, that Miss Louise Thorndyke will remain idle, and the contest will bring to light much of the unpleasant testimony which was kept under cover during the suit for divorce.

ROME, September 23rd.

By the derailing of a train near Florence to-day, five persons were killed and twenty injured.

King Humbert and Queen Margaret, upon hearing of the disaster, immediately proceeded to the scene of the accident, where they personally directed the care of the injured.

VIENNA, September 23rd.

Baron von Schudler, member of the Privy Council and Master of Ordnance in the Army, brought an action for libel against the *Vaderland*, the organ of the feudal aristocracy and the clerical party, for asserting that he accepted bribes. The suit has caused a great sensation here.

LIVERPOOL, September 23rd.

The steamer *City of New York*, which sailed from New York on September 17th, was signaled off Bow Head this morning. Thirty-five minutes later the steamer *Tesofia*, which also left New York on September 17th, passed the same point. The *City of New York* sailed thirty minutes ahead of the *Tesofia*.

PARIS, September 23rd.

Lamoureux, formerly the secretary of Count Dillon, has published a book which contains revelations concerning the Boulanger party. The author charges Boulanger with appropriating to his personal use a part of the fund subscribed to advance the interests of the party.

DUBLIN, September 23rd.

At a meeting of the National League to-day, T. M. Healey said if the tenants submitted to the landlords they were traitors to their fellow countrymen.

Patrick O'Brien has been arrested.

Parnell has finally decided that it would be unwise to send any one to America in place of O'Brien and Dillon, as they will be able to carry out the original plan in any event.

BERLIN, September 23rd.

The epidemic of suicide continues. A sensation was created to-day by the discovery that Major von Nörten, the commandant of the cadet school here, had killed himself by taking poison. To make his work doubly sure, after he had swallowed poison he opened several arteries. Two thousand miners at Troppau, Silesia, have gone out on strike. Trouble is feared and troops have been dispatched to the spot.

The miners' strike movement is extending in the frontier districts to about 5000 men. There has been some rioting. Troops are now on hand.

SYDNEY, September 23rd.

The Steamship Owners' Association has concluded a three-year's agreement with the engineers.

CALCUTTA, September 23rd.

A revolution has taken place in Manipur. The Maharajah has fled and his brother has assumed control.

BERLIN, September 23rd.

The *Kreuz Zeitung* says Vernols has positively decided to resign as Minister of War.

ST. JOHN'S (Newfoundland), Sept. 23rd.

The French have been carrying off things with a high hand here and the British authorities seem to have desisted altogether. A Frenchman named Bichel, the owner and captain of the schooner *Marie* on entering the harbor of Port-au-Basque, about three weeks ago, took away and destroyed a net belonging to a fisherman of that place. The fisherman demanded payment therefor, but Bichel refused and then threw the fisherman overboard. The fisherman swam ashore and obtained a summons against Bichel, which he ignored, whereupon the magistrate issued a writ to attach his vessel and ordered Officer Wilcox to serve it. Wilcox did so, but Bichel still refused to obey and hoisted the French flag. Wilcox refused to leave the vessel until the damage was paid and Bichel set sail, taking Wilcox with him. After taking the officer twenty miles to sea, Bichel ordered his crew to throw him overboard, but Wilcox successfully refused. Bichel refused the officer food or shelter. At length the French warship *Indra* was met, and her commander ordered Wilcox to leave, telling him that he had no authority to interfere with French subjects on French shores. Wilcox was arrested by the officers of the *Indra* and, after his writ and other papers had been taken from him, he was put ashore at Bay St. George. Upon a magistrate hearing this, he ordered her Majesty's ship *Emerald* to go and Bichel escaped. He was recaptured on the 17th inst., tried and sentenced to two years' imprisonment at hard labor. As we are related protection, we are arming ourselves and are prepared to protect our homes at whatever cost to Great Britain. The bait act this season has cost the colony \$740,000, and the Government collects from all fishing vessels only \$50,000, showing a direct loss to the country of \$50,000. Premier Whiteway has promised a repeal of the act.

NEW YORK, September 24th.

John Jay, ex-Minister to Austria, met with a serious accident in front of the Grand Central station to-day. He had come down from his home in Westchester to attend the diocesan convention of the Episcopal Church. Shortly before noon he left the church and walked down to the Grand Central station to take a street car. As he went down a cross-town car, but quickly seeing his mistake, he stepped off and stood in the middle of the street to wait for a Midway Avenue car. A car came rapidly down the street, and before Mr. Jay could get out of the way, he was knocked down and the neck of his right femur was broken. His injuries will not prove fatal, but may be permanent.

Thomas T. Collins, an American citizen, who, if report is true, has been a prisoner in Manila, one of the Philippine islands, for sixteen years, is missing, and his lawyers believe that he has been murdered.

He was born in New York and went to Manila Island in 1871 to carry on the lumber business. He claims to have been robbed of his business by Spaniards. He sued the Spanish Government for \$500,000, but the case has never been heard. Collins appealed six times within six years to the United States for support and protection, but received no recognition.

LONDON, September 24th.

Michael Davitt will begin in his paper, the *Labor World*, to-morrow, a series of disclosures to the effect that the political events which began with the dynamite explosions at the House of Parliament and ended with the Parnell Commission, were the result of conspiracy on the part of the Government to connect Parnell with these outrages, and so destroy him and his movement together. Davitt claims that "Red Jim" McDermott, organized the dynamite plots in Cork and Liverpool by the aid of money furnished him by the British Government, and also connived at the later plots in London. Many other charges are made, which Davitt says he is prepared to prove.

It is understood that Parnell will soon call a convention of Irish Nationalists.

An explosion occurred on the steamer *Pandora* at Newcastle to-day. Twelve persons were fatally scalded.

The following letter from Canon Farrar has been received at the Salvation Army headquarters in reference to a "self-denial week":—

Dear Sir: A week of prayer and self-denial to assist the work of missions is an effort in which the Salvation Army has my entire sympathy. Yours faithfully, F. W. Farrar.

PARIS, September 24th.

Further reports of damage by floods have been received. The town of Annecy and the surrounding country is inundated by an overflow from the Cance and Desmurs rivers. The damage is enormous. Factories have been destroyed, bridges have been swept away and the rail ways are impassable. In Annecy a manufacturer and several men were drowned. The water is still rising.

CHICAGO, September 24th.

A storm prevailed to-day in Cetic, compelling a total suspension of traffic and doing much damage to railways.

BERLIN, September 24th.

The Society of German Wine Growers has sent a memorial to Chancellor von Caprivi, declaring that the McKinley Tariff bill will ruin their export trade with America, and asking whether it is possible to obviate this by diplomatic means.

OTTAWA, September 24th.

Governor-General Stanley has stepped aside from the ordinary rules governing the Queen's representatives. Yesterday he expressed himself on the McKinley bill. He did not question the right of the United States to pass the bill, or pretend that its effect would be other than injurious to Canada, but he counselled Canadians to look elsewhere and open up a new line of commerce.

SYDNEY, September 24th.

The Labor Congress finished its work to-day after deciding to make a final appeal to the employers to hold a conference with the men. The Congress adhered to its decision to call out the employers in the wool trade. It is doubtful, however, whether the men will respond.

DUBLIN, September 24th.

At the Waterford assizes to-day, Judge Waters reversed the sentences of three months' imprisonment at hard labour pronounced upon Mr. Fisher, editor of the *Waterford Express*, and Mr. Redmond, editor of the *Waterford News*. The editors were committed under the Crimes Act.

VIENNA, September 24th.

The suit of Baron von Schudler against the *Vaderland* for accusing him of having accepted bribes, ended in the conviction of the editor, who was sentenced to eight months' imprisonment at hard labour.

MADRID, September 24th.

A Government expert reports that the Alhambra was caused by burglars striking matches. He estimates the cost of necessary repairs to the building to be about \$3,000. The restoration has already been begun and a permanent fire department organized.

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BELLINZONA, September 24th.

There is great rejoicing among the revolutionaries over the report of the Federal Council to the National Assembly, which says the revolution was not made by the *consiglio*, but by responsible, rich and intelligent citizens, who risked their lives and fortunes. This is taken as a national sanction of the revolution. Late President Respoli says the Federal Government is compounding with murderers and traitors.

CALCUTTA, September 24th.

A revolution has broken out at Manipur. The rebels, who were headed by a brother of the Maharajah, attacked the palace, and after a desperate struggle with the guards defeated them and gained possession of the palace and magazines. Many were killed and wounded in the fight. The Maharajah escaped, and has fled with a few of his Court officers.

BOSTON, September 24th.

The footings up of the Potter-Lovell liabilities show the indebtedness of all kinds to have been about \$6,000,000.

BROOKLYN, September 24th.

The Socialists who had intended to caricature the Jewish feast of the Atonement last night, did not carry out their threat as the police, under the Mayor's instructions, prevented the demonstration.

KANAKAKE, Ill., September 24th.

Nelson, the stallion owned by Nelson of Maine, trotted a mile over the Kanakake track to-day, after noon in 2.12, equalling Astell's time. The first half was made in 1.04. The last half was made against a heavy wind.

LONDON, September 25th.

The S. F. Chronicle's Calcutta correspondent says: Troops in Goa are committing the wildest excesses and shooting people indiscriminately. Several popular leaders have been shot and the residences of others are besieged and a lively fusillade proceeds.

The Governor-General is hiding in his palace, and is deaf to the petitions from the inhabitants. Many women and children who fled thither for protection were bayoneted by the placed guard.

Several dynamite bombs were thrown into the palace by citizens and soldiers, and the Governor justifies the action of the troops on the ground that a revolution is declared. It is estimated that 30 persons were killed and wounded in three days of fighting.

In an interview with English Catholic noblemen the Pope said he fervently hoped for a renewal of permanent diplomatic relations with England. Under the beneficent rule of Victoria, he continued, the Church had enjoyed throughout the British Empire substantial liberty. He further stated that he had the deepest personal regard for the Queen, whose thoughtful care for the poor and suffering had won for her golden opinions throughout the world.

Notwithstanding the Russian official denial, the persecution of the Jews is proceeding very vigorously in certain parts of Russia. At Odessa a number of Russian families have recently received orders to quit the country and are leaving for England and America. Upward of 6,000 Jewish families have been expelled from Odessa within a few weeks. Thousands of Jews, mostly of the poorer class, have left other parts of Southern Russia, and they suffer greatly from privation and exposure while on their way under escort to the frontier.

The German ship *Orient*, which put into Accord with her cargo on fire, had been scuttled to extinguish the flames. The *Orient* was bound from Swansea to San Francisco.

Dock laborers of the union here have cabled £750 to Sydney for the benefit of the strikers. The Bank of England has advanced the rate of discount from 4 per cent to 5.

A death from cholera is reported at Bristol.

BERLIN, September 25th.

In a duel at Halsburg to-day between Lieutenant Dietrich and Lieutenant Gardner the former was killed. The duel was the result of a quarrel in a restaurant.

Herr Sonnabend, a Socialist, has been sentenced to three months' imprisonment because he remarked that Emperor William, himself, would in time become a Socialist.

The Post announces that General Leszynski has been appointed Minister of War to succeed Vernols.

CALCUTTA, September 25th.

Order has been restored in Manipur. The Maharajah has abdicated in favor of his brother.

LISBON, September 25th.

There was a serious conflict at Coimbra to-day between the students and the police. Some were killed and several wounded.

The police have discovered the authors of the circulars distributed yesterday, assailing the stability of well-known banks, with the object of creating a politico-financial crisis.

VIENNA, September 25th.

A horrible deed of a grief-stricken mother was made public to-day. Helene Mueller, wife of a master painter in Moedling near this city, lost her only child, a boy two years old, by diphtheria in February last after an illness of only one day. The suddenness of the death appeared to paralyze the mother's brain and make it entirely impossible for her to realize that the child was dead. Of late she has devoted almost every hour of the day to the baby's grave, holding imaginary conversations with the dead.

One morning a week ago the sexton discovered that the grave had been opened, the coffin lid taken off, and the body stolen by the mother, who had taken it to her home, wrapped it in a shawl and placed it in her trunk. During the day she had taken it out and caressed it, and at night while her husband slept, she had taken it to bed with her and endeavored to infuse warmth into it.

AMOI.

October 25th, 1890.

The first ball of the season—to be given by the hachelors of Amoy—will take place at the Club on the 31st instant.

Rehearsals for the first performance of the A. D. C. have begun, and we may soon look for the announcement of its production.

A new look place on Wednesday morning on the band among the coolies, which was soon dispelled by the "bunder" coolies taking to their heels in all directions.

The annual meeting of the Law Temple and Cricket Club was held on Tuesday evening last at the Club. The accounts for the past year were passed, and Messrs. Buchanan, Firth, and Wright were elected as Committee. Mr. Wright also to be Honorary Secretary for the ensuing season.

A coolie's life in Amoy, it would seem, is valued at the expensive figure of \$30. This is the amount we hear, that was paid on compensation to the relatives of the coolie who died last week, from the effects of a kicking alleged to have been received on board the steamship *Fokien*, as noted in our last issue.

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As a striking contrast to the cur at Kulangsu, the dog belonging to Superintendent Wood is an instance. "Buff"—or as he is named by some, the "Hunder"—a well-known terror to all evil-doers on the Amoy bund. It is said to be (and we believe it) worth four Chinese dollars. The dog has been trained to its work, and its owner makes no secret of it. The Municipal Committee at their next meeting might stretch a point and make some allowance for the dog.

A gambling "hell" which is said to be largely patronized by the boys and coolies employed at the houses on Kulangsu, and also by the gignem of the various hotels, Customs, and Consulate services—is in full swing at Lin-tow, not many doors from the Yamen. Gambling to a great extent must be carried on, considering that the party "running" the den has to pay \$7 a night to Chinese officials as hush money. The residents will do well to keep an eye on their goods and chattels, for it is a well-known fact that gambling, amongst the "lower orders" especially, leads to theft.

The "work" has been on the war path again. After an absence of ten days or so, the dog so well-known for his depredations among the feathered tribe at Lah-keet-shah, made its appearance in that neighbourhood on Sunday to the great consternation of the Chinese there. Several Chinamen, armed, with rusty matchlocks, appeared on the scene, seemingly bent on putting the yelp out of mess; but a Christian Chinese dame, dressed up to kill, with her Sunday-going gingham and

Today's Advertisements.

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CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

GRACIE PLAISTED'S "MY SWEET HEART" COMPANY.

TO-MORROW, TUESDAY, the 28th October. Offenbach's Comic Opera "MADAME FAUVE." Repetition, by Special request, and final Performance of Bellini's Grand Opera "LA SONNAMBULA."

THURSDAY, 30th October. Repetition, by Special request, and final Performance of Bellini's Grand Opera "LA SONNAMBULA." With the kind assistance of Mr. C. H. GRACE and chorus of Amateurs as before.

SATURDAY, 1st November. Offenbach's Comic Opera "GIROFLE GIROFLA."

Box Plan at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH'S. CHAS. HARDING, Manager. Hongkong, 27th October, 1890. [1486]

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"Weep, and you weep alone."

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FRESH YAMS! NEW SONGS

ORIGINAL SKITS.

The Last Chance to Laugh with Lincoln.

WEDNESDAY, October 29th, at 9 O'CLOCK.

Prices \$2 and \$1. Soldiers and Sailors, in uniform, 50 cents (back seats only).

Box Plan at KELLY & WALSH'S. Hongkong, 27th October, 1890. [1490]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have been instructed by the Senior Ordnance Store Officer, China, to Sell by Public Auction,

TO-MORROW, the 28th October, 1890, at 11 A.M., at Her Majesty's Ordnance Stores, Queen Road, East.

THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT STORES, &c.

BRASS, COPPER, GUNMETAL, LEAD, 3 Large Money Safes, LAMPS, LINEN, SHOVELS, IRON CANNAS, Cotton & Woolen RAGS, Cast and Wrought IRON, STEEL, TIN, OLD FILES, CASKS, PACKING CASES, IRON DRUMS, SHOT, TACKLES, OLD TIMBER, LEATHER, &c.

A quantity of WORN OUT CLOTHING.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.7. All faults and errors of description at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer. All Lots to be cleared within 48 hours.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Auctioneers. Hongkong, 27th October, 1890. [1491]

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE Second Competition for the SUBSCRIPTION CHALLENGE CUPS and RANGE SPOONS will take place on SATURDAY next, the 1st November, commencing at 9 o'clock p.m. Range, 500 and 600 Yards, 315 o'clock p.m. Entries for this Competition to be made before 4 o'clock p.m., on FRIDAY, the 3rd inst. Entrance fee 30 cents. A Launch will leave the P. & O. Pier at 3 o'clock p.m.

FRANK COLLINS, for Hon Sec. Hongkong, 27th October, 1890. [155]

LENTISTRY.

FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP.

MODERATE FEES.

MR. WONG TAI-FONG, Surgeon Dentist.

(Formerly articled Apprentice, and latterly assistant to Dr. ROGERS.)

HAS REMOVED from the Office formerly occupied by Dr. ROGERS, to

No. 18, D'AGUIAR STREET, (behind the Hongkong Club).

CONSULTATION FREE. Hongkong, 27th October, 1890. [1491]

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA, VIA AMOY.

THE Company's Steamship

"ZAFIRO."

Captain Choban, will be despatched for the above Ports, on WEDNESDAY, the 29th inst., at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, 27th October, 1890. [1495]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

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